



Around Randolph Field, Tex., where this picture was taken, and also at some California fields, motorists have to keep eyes open for new kind of road hazard—low-flying training planes. This is at auxiliary field near Randolph, used for practicing landings and takeoffs.

New School Term Begins Sept. 10 for More Than 2,000 Here

The official school calendar for the 1941-42 term is published in full on Page 1-B.

While their mothers, dads, aunts, uncles and other adults are casting their votes in the special municipal election on next Wednesday, September 10, more than 2,000 boys and girls will be trooping back to classrooms to begin the 1941-42 school term in Torrance. In Lomita another 2,000 and more will end their vacation days and resume toting school books instead of tripping to beaches or mountains.

The schools will open at 8 a. m. next Wednesday. The first day will be a short session with school closing at 12:20 p. m. Kindergarten will be excused before that time.

School teachers will be required to report to their respective schools Monday morning, Sept. 8. For the first time in the history of the Los Angeles city school system, Superintendent Vierling Korsev and John E. Dalton, president of the board of education, will address the 11,000 teachers in a half-hour broadcast over KECA from 10 to 10:30 that morning.

Must Prove Age
All students entering a school for the first time must present proof of age. In lieu of a birth certificate, evidence may be produced that the student's birth is registered at an office of vital statistics. An authentic hospital record of birth containing sufficient data to give positive identification will be accepted. Adoption papers will be accepted proof of age that give the child's age in years, months, and days at the date of adoption.

A baptismal certificate, family bible record, passport, or an insurance policy over two years old, will also suffice.

Pupils who cannot furnish immediate proof of age on the opening day of school should nevertheless register at school. They will be allowed reasonable time to obtain proof of age.

Law Change Noted
The State Legislature has enacted a new law governing the admission of beginners to kindergarten and first grade. Beginners are children who have not been enrolled previously in kindergarten or first grade.

The law goes into effect Monday, Sept. 15, and provides that a kindergarten beginner must be four years and nine months of age on or before the first day of September before being admitted. To enter during the second semester, a kindergarten beginner must be four years and nine months of age on or before the first day of February.

First grade beginners must be five years and nine months of age on or before the first day of September in order to enter the first semester of the school year, or five years and nine months of age on or before February, 1941.

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TOOL PLANT MOVES HERE FROM L.A.

A new industry was added to the Torrance manufacturing roster this week as the Martin Tool and Die Works started operations at 1150 Border ave., at the intersection of Torrance blvd. The plant was formerly located on Slauson ave., in Los Angeles. At the present time 12 men are employed but Phillip B. Martin and George Hughes, operators of the plant, are planning on an expansion program. The concern is making equipment for Southern California aircraft concerns.

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Stores Selling Defense Stamps

Take Your Change in Savings for Democracy!

Torrance retail business firms will join in the nationwide movement to make Defense Savings Stamps and Bonds easily available to everyone. It was decided at a meeting of local retailers held last Friday. Robt. T. McCallum, president of the Business Men's Association president, and Postmaster C. Earl Conner explained the plan for selling stamps through the stores.

Since the meeting a number of local merchants have purchased a supply of 10-cent and 25-cent defense stamps and will have them on sale at their stores. Albums are supplied by the United States Treasury Department without a charge. When sufficient stamps have been pasted into the album, it may be exchanged at the postoffice for a United States Saving Bond which draws interest from the date of the exchange.

Chain stores as well as independent merchants are participating in the installment plan for the sale of Federal bonds through the sale of defense stamps. It has been suggested by local retailers that customers make a practice of requesting that part of their change be taken in Defense stamps each time they make a purchase. By this method, substantial savings accounts will be secured to hedge against the next depression or "rainy day."

Interest Gains in Torrance Community Card Party and Three-Day Auditorium Show

If you ride a hobby—gallop it into the Torrance Flower, Art and Hobby show which will be held three afternoons and evenings, September 25, 26 and 27, at the Torrance Civic Auditorium.

That display will embrace just what it is titled—all kinds

No Accidents Mar Holiday in Torrance

While motor accidents were claiming a new record number of victims and other mishaps were adding to the Labor day holiday toll throughout the U. S., not a single auto crash or other accident was reported by police here.

"We got by that three-day holiday without a call," Police Chief John Stroh said on Tuesday. "In fact Torrance was very fortunate in escaping being added to the list of California cities which reported accidents and fatalities for all of the previous three-day holidays we have had this year."

Headquarters at C. of C.
Ticket sales for this event—places are being sold at 35 cents per person—are meeting a ready market. All of the proceeds will be used to completely equip one room in the new addition to the Torrance Memorial hospital.

Torrance merchants are donating a splendid array of prizes for the all-city card party, topped by a valuable award that will be presented as a door prize to be given away promptly at 8:15 o'clock on the evening of the Auditorium affair. Fay Parks, general chairman (Continued on Page 5-A)

3 More Nabbed Here on Charges Of Race Booking

Another alleged "bookie" establishment was raided here last Saturday night by officers from the sheriff's vice detail and two men and a woman arrested on charges of operating race books. George Albert Mort, 42, who said he was a laborer, and Mrs. Mary Cecilia Fleming, 26, who gave her occupation as waitress, were arrested at 2011 Gramercy ave. Later John Rogers Fleming, 28, seaman, who said he lived in Hermosa Beach and was the husband of Mrs. Fleming, was picked up at the Carson apartments.

All three were booked at the city jail and then taken to the county jail where they were later released on habeas corpus writs Sunday. They are scheduled to be arraigned this afternoon in Judge John Shider's court.

Two other men, also accused of operating a "bookie" place who were nabbed in a raid Aug. 23 at 1742 Manuel ave., are scheduled for preliminary hearing this afternoon.

Brother Wounds Thurlow Weir

Wounded by his 15-year-old brother, Thurlow Weir, 17, is at Torrance Memorial hospital while police continued to question Jimmie Weir and three other boys about the shooting that took place at the Weir home, 1408 Acacia ave., at 11:15 o'clock this morning.

The younger boy was held pending further investigation and later reported on the condition of Thurlow, who was wounded with a bullet from a .22 calibre rifle in the hands of Jimmie. Police Chief John Stroh said this afternoon.

Summoned from her work on a defense project on Terminal Island, Mrs. Lillian B. Weir, the boys' mother, is alternating visits with Jimmie at the city jail and Thurlow in the hospital until police release the younger boy into her custody. Chief Stroh said he expected to allow Jimmie to return home as soon as the investigation is ended today.

According to incomplete information given the officers, Jimmie and Thurlow are said to have quarreled and Jimmie ran into the house to get the rifle. Stroh said he had been informed that the gun was unloaded and that Jimmie loaded it on his way outside where the shooting took place.

Thurlow was wounded in the lower chest, X-ray photographs showing that the bullet was lodged close to his spine.

Supreme Court Excludes Six From Ballot; 'Sanity' Group Backs Evans, Kail

The State Supreme Court this week eliminated the names of six candidates from an 11-man field in the Torrance councilmanic election next Wednesday, Sept. 10. Bartlett to exclude from the ballot the half-dozen candidates who filed their nomination papers one day too late.

Consequently, the ballot will contain only the names of Kenneth H. Kail and John V. Murray, running for the short term which expires in April 1942, and James A. Evans, Bert L. Allen and George V. Powell, running for the long term expiring in April, 1944.

Six Names Omitted
Stricken from the ballot by the court order are the names of: Carl L. Hyde, William H. Tolson, Gerald M. Calder, Frank Paour, Jr., E. Edsel Newton and William H. Day. Day had previously withdrawn from the race. These six candidates filed their nomination papers on Monday, August 11.

The court held in its decision Monday that the final date for filing was Sunday, Aug. 10, and a writ ordering their names eliminated from the ballot was served on Clerk Bartlett Tuesday. The hearing before the seven-judge Supreme Court was held in Los Angeles.

The action was brought as a taxpayer's suit by Carl D. Steele, former labor leader, who supported former Councilmen Powell and Murray at the recall election. However, Powell and Murray were recalled by a majority vote of the electorate at a special election July 29.

McCall Gives Opinion
The suit to strike the names of the six candidates who filed on August 11 from the ballot was not contested by City Clerk Bartlett. He was represented at the court hearing Monday by City Attorney John E. McCall.

In a letter to Bartlett, dated Aug. 29, McCall stated: "This will acknowledge receipt of your request for an opinion on the following question: 'Were the candidates who filed their nomination papers on Monday, August 11, 1941, too late to qualify as candidates for the election to be held September 10, 1941?'"

"It is my opinion that the candidates who filed on Monday August 11, 1941 filed too late. This opinion is based on Section 9760 of the Elections Code which reads as follows:

"Were the candidates who filed their nomination papers on Monday, August 11, 1941, too late to qualify as candidates for the election to be held September 10, 1941?"

"All papers filed on Monday, August 11, 1941 were filed later than thirty-one days before September 10, 1941, the date set for the election," McCall concluded.

Bartlett Comments
Bartlett's only comment on the attorney's ruling was: "Rather than go to any expense (contesting supreme court suit) we decided to follow the attorney's opinion."

In last week's issue of The Herald, it was stated that Bartlett permitted the names of the six candidates to be filed on advice of City Attorney McCall. This statement was in error, McCall advised The Herald yesterday, as the only opinion he had ever given in the matter was the letter to Bartlett, as published above.

Bartlett, it was explained, permitted the six candidates to file on Monday after being advised by a prominent Los Angeles law firm that such action was legal.

Policemen Reverse Logic
Through the Supreme Court suit, the Powell-Murray force has succeeded in eliminating some of the strongest opponents at next Wednesday's municipal election. Their action, however, is in direct contradiction to their contention when Powell and Murray complained that they were being "deprived of their right of citizenship" when Bartlett refused to allow them to run to fill the offices from which they had just been recalled. In another case before the District Court of Appeals, Powell and Murray were subse-

Where To Vote September 10

The polls at 16 precincts open at 6 a. m., next Wednesday, September 10, for the special municipal election to elect successors of George V. Powell and John V. Murray, recalled city councilmen. The polls will close that night at 7 o'clock. Location of the precinct voting centers are:

- Prec. 1—18127 Prairie ave.
- Prec. 2—2576 El Dorado.
- Prec. 3—716 Border ave.
- Prec. 4—1534 Marcellina ave.
- Prec. 5—1322 Engracia ave.
- Prec. 6—1103 Amapola ave. (This polling place has been changed from 1027 Amapola ave.)
- Prec. 7—4417 Cota ave.
- Prec. 8—1734 Arlington ave.
- Prec. 9—2013 Arlington ave.
- Prec. 10—23010 Narbonne ave.
- Prec. 11—2686 West Carson st. (This polling place has been changed from 2720 West Carson St.)
- Prec. 12—Walteria school.
- Prec. 13—807 Portola ave.
- Prec. 14—1307 Portola ave.
- Prec. 15—1913 Cabrillo ave.
- Prec. 16—Walteria Recreation Center, 24439 Park st.

Redondo Quits Serving Clifton

Negative action by the Redondo Beach city council Tuesday night on continuance of fire protection and library service to residents of unincorporated Clifton-by-the-Sea may have paved the way for annexation proceedings to link that community to the city of Torrance. Cliftonians have declined to become part of the city of Redondo Beach for administration and tax purposes but in view of Redondo's cutting them off from fire protection and library facilities, many of them favor annexing to Torrance, it is reported.

Value of taxable property in the Clifton district has reached nearly \$800,000 and the area has 166 property owners, at least 150 of whom would vote against annexation to Redondo. Police protection in the area is now furnished by sheriff's deputies on patrols at three-hour intervals.

Tax rates in Redondo were recently set at \$2.02 per \$100 assessed valuation as compared with \$1.17 which is being levied this city in districts outside the original city limits.

16-Cent Increase in Total Taxes Here

Torrance property owners will pay taxes ranging from \$6,036.2 to \$5,976.2 (depending on the district in which they own property) per \$100 assessed valuation this year for all levies. Last year, the comparable totals ranged from \$5,873.6 to \$5,813.6, a compilation of the 1941-42 and 1940-41 levies made today by The Herald revealed. The increase this year is more than 16 cents for all districts of the city. Here are the comparative figures:

TAX	1941-42	1940-41
Municipal	\$1.20	\$1.17
County	1.487	1.487
Flood Control	.22	.22
Met. Water Dist.	.48	.49
County Sanitation Dist. (Estimated)	2.105	2.105
(1) Municipal Water	.55	.55
(2) 1922 Im. Dist.	.03	.03
L. A. School Dist.	1.883	1.782
TOTAL	\$6.0362	\$5.9762

(1) Municipal Water District tax is levied on land valuation only in district served by the water department—not the entire city.

(2) This 1922 Bond Act assessment for street improvements completes the payments this year. The original issue was voted April 10, 1922 and was for \$54,000 for street improvements.

The Cravens Avenue Lighting District, formed August 21, 1928, will mature in 1943-44 when the final payment on the six per cent bonds totalling \$73,159.02 will be made and the district eliminated.

Second Defeat of Powell-Murray Necessary To Put City on Prosperity Priority List

An Editorial by Grover C. Whyte

It is a serious reflection on our democratic form of government when grasping politicians attempt to thwart the clearly expressed will of the majority of the electorate merely to satisfy their own selfish purposes and fatten their private purses. Yet just this very thing is being tried in Torrance by the Powell-Murray machine.

Having been once recalled from office by a majority of voters, most men with any degree of personal pride would quietly retired to make way for the election of other citizens. But not so with such ambitious politicians as Powell and Murray. They not only insisted upon forcing their names on the ballot to fill the very offices from which they had been removed, but they even objected to allowing others to run for election. Through an unfortunate misunderstanding of the technicalities of the election law, the Powell and Murray machine has succeeded in disqualifying six other candidates, several of whom would have made excellent city councilmen. They are honest men, sincerely interested in the welfare of this community, qualified by experience and intellect to give this city the sort of an administration it deserves.

All sense of fair play has been disregarded by Powell and Murray in their zeal to get back on the city payroll at \$50 per month, PLUS. But their zeal-ousness to wipe out their opponents has blinded them to political strategy. They have narrowed the field of candidates and consequently have lessened the possibility of being elected through splitting the vote of the opposition.

It is fortunate, indeed, for the good citizens of

Torrance that James A. Evans and Kenneth H. Kail filed their nomination papers before the legal time limit had expired and are thus able to challenge the Powell-Murray clique at next Wednesday's election.

Friends of all six of the candidates whose names were ordered removed from the ballot because of filing one day late are rallying to the support of Evans and Kail, each of whom already had a considerable following among local voters. Most citizens recognize the fact that the important issue at stake in next Wednesday's election is to again defeat Powell and Murray. Unless this is done, nothing will be settled and this city will continue to suffer from maladministration and unfavorable publicity.

Already plans are under way to prevent Powell and Murray from being seated if they should be elected through their political maneuvering. A most eminent firm of attorneys in Los Angeles specializing in municipal law has expressed the opinion that if the case of Powell and Murray were taken to the Supreme Court, that high authority would not permit them to hold office after being recalled by a majority of voters.

But, of course, the easiest and quickest way to terminate this political squabble is to defeat Powell and Murray AGAIN. Then Torrance city officials and citizens can devote their thoughts and energies to the important vital issues at hand and the opportunities that are offered this city through the national defense movement.

It is just as important to vote next Tuesday as it was at the recall election. Don't neglect this duty.